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## NO SIGN OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOKYO AND WASHINGTON IS IN SIGHT

### Reports Of Japanese Origin: Part Of Propaganda Scheme

INFORMED QUARTERS IN WASHINGTON CAN STILL FIND NO SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION FOR THE PERSISTENT REPORTS FROM THE FAR EAST OF A PENDING COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOKYO AND WASHINGTON WHICH WILL PUT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON A FRIENDLY BASIS.

The only explanation, anywhere in Washington appears to be that they are of Japanese origin and part of the wish "being father to the thought of a propaganda scheme."

There is still no sign of such an agreement in any really informed quarters in Washington, says Reuter.

It is pointed out by some observers that it is strange that if such an agreement is to be forthcoming soon as President Roosevelt has not yet replied to Prince Konoye's personal letter.

Mr. Cordell Hull, at his Press conference, has appealed to observers to take pains to discount all reports of an impending agreement and continues to assert forcefully that the American policy still rests on the pronouncements of July 1937 and before the Congressional Lease-Lend Bill Committee hearings.

These statements of policy towards Japan are of vital concern to a Third Power—CHINA.

China is vitally concerned in any material change in Japanese-American relations for Japanese aggression in China had been the chief cause of the troubled relations between Tokyo and Washington and no settlement of those difficulties seems possible in which China is not concerned or consulted.

There is no information in Chinese or other circles that China has yet been consulted by Washington. Another country concerned is Australia and though there is believed to be close consultation between the State Department and Australian representatives the latter do not seem unduly concerned over the talks between the United States and Japan.

Chinese in Washington do not appear to be worried by the persistence of the reports of an impending agreement between Tokyo and Washington while reports from Tokyo that Chungking might negotiate with Nanking for an end to the war between China and Japan are received with something approaching derision.

CHINESE LAUGH  
Chinese circles laugh at the suggestion that General Chiang Kai-shek would talk with Wang Ching-wel. The Japanese may continue to call the war an incident but it is certain that conclusion of this incident must be discussed between China and Japan.

One well-informed source states bluntly that the United

## 63-YEAR-OLD SHAH OF IRAN ABDICATES

The 63-year-old Shah of Iran, H. I. M. REZA SHAH FAHLEVI, abdicated and he is succeeded by his 21-year-old son, the Crown Prince, H. I. M. SHAHPOOR MOHAMMED REZA who was born in Teheran and educated in Switzerland.

The news of the abdication was announced by the Teheran Radio, according to Reuter Bulletin.

These developments were announced by the Prime Minister at an extraordinary session of the Iranian Parliament yesterday morning.

The Shah has already left Iran by car.

It is reported that the British and Soviet troops in Iran are advancing on Teheran and that the Russian forces from Kasvin are within half a mile of the Iranian capital where they have made a rendezvous with the British.

The new Shah, on March 15, 1939, married Princess Fausler, the eldest sister of the King of Egypt.

Reza Fahlevi came to the throne in 1925 in succession to Sul'an Ahmed who was deposed by the Iran Parliament "in the name of national welfare."

## Hamburg Heavily Hammered

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter)—Heavy bombing attacks were made by R.A.F. bombers on Hamburg last night. Docks, railway yards and industrial buildings were bombed and large fires were started.

Other aircraft attacked Wilhelmshaven and the docks at Le Havre.

Nine British aircraft are missing from these operations.

## WELCOME FOR N.Z. PREMIER

WELLINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter)—The New Zealand Labour Party today passed a resolution welcoming back Mr. Peter Fraser, the Prime Minister, who has just completed a visit to Britain.

## "Caedimus Noctu"

LONDON, Sept. 16 (BWS)—A snarling leopard with teeth bared ready for the kill has been chosen as a badge by one of the Fighter Command's night fighter squadrons whose victories over German bombers have already reached double figures.

The squadron had a number of kills during the heavy raiding on Glasgow earlier in the year. Pilots of the squadron gave a great deal of thought to their badge before sending the final design for its approval.

They selected the leopard because it hunts and kills by night and usually springs on its victims from a height.

The motto of the badge "Caedimus Noctu" (We Strike Down by Night) is used by the squadron.

## DRIFTING MINES LEAD TO THE SUSPENSION OF FERRY SERVICES: SECOND TYPHOON OF THE YEAR PASSES SOUTH, GOES CLOSE TO MACAO

All danger having passed, the No. 8 typhoon signal, which was hoisted at the Royal Observatory at 2.25 o'clock yesterday afternoon to replace the No. 9 signal which had been displayed since 9.20 a.m., was lowered at five minutes to nine o'clock last night.

THERE WAS QUITE A STIR AMONG COLONY RESIDENTS SHORTLY BEFORE 8.30 LAST NIGHT WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THE NAVAL AUTHORITIES HAD ORDERED THE SUSPENSION OF THE CROSS-HARBOUR FERRY SERVICES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE NIGHT OWING TO THE PRESENCE OF DRIFTING MINES.

## PRACTICAL DEFINITION OF SPEECH

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (Reuter)—Colonel Frank Knox's statement (reported on Page 8) that all Lease-Lend cargoes traversing the ocean between the American continent and the waters of Iceland will henceforth be protected by the United States Navy, and the reported consideration being given in Washington to a repeal of the Neutrality Act, were headlined in New York newspapers today and featured on the wireless.

Broadcasters and leader-writers alike endorsed the Navy Secretary's announcement as a practical definition of President Roosevelt's recent speech.

CALM COMMENT  
While it was generally interpreted as implying convoys, must wireless comment was noticeably calm although subsequent shooting was apparently taken for granted.

Opposition to and reluctance to endorse the President's message completely are, however, shown in some quarters.

Certain papers feel uneasy over the extent of "defensive waters" and argue that the United States has undertaken a supremely difficult task.

Scripps-Howard Press states that engaging in a shooting war in the Atlantic is a direct incentive to Japan to attack in the Pacific.

The last "Star" ferry launch left the Hongkong pier at 8.30 with, it is learned, only a few passengers, while the last departure from Kowloon was fifteen minutes earlier, the ferry carrying, it is understood, a fairly full complement.

The "Star" ferry service had earlier in the day, owing to the typhoon, stopped running from 9.25 a.m. until the afternoon, the first launch leaving Kowloon at 4.30 o'clock and from Hongkong at 4.15.

Regarding the typhoon, which passed to the south of the Colony, on a west-north-westerly track which must have taken it very close to Macao a few hours later, the Royal Observatory issued the following statement yesterday evening:—

At 6 a.m. yesterday the typhoon was centred about 60 miles S. E.

of Hongkong, moving slowly north-west. When approaching the coast it veered more to the westward, and passed close to the south of the Colony at 1 p.m. the lowest barometer reading being 29.03 inches.

The typhoon was then moving on a W. N. W. track which must have taken it very close to Macao a few hours later.

The highest velocity recorded at the Royal Observatory was 109 m. p. h. at 12.35 p.m.

FORCE 11  
The average between noon and 1 p.m. was force 11 (64 to 75 m. p. h.).

The typhoon has produced very slight rainfall only 1.25 inches being recorded up to 6 p.m. yesterday.

Squally weather, with rain will, however, continue for several hours.

Hongkong experienced its second typhoon scare of the season—with its attendant inconveniences such as the suspension of the cross-harbour services and land transport—when the No. 9 storm signal was hoisted at 9.27 a.m. yesterday. This signal was replaced, at 2.25 p.m., by the No. 8, when the position of the typhoon had shifted to 22 degrees N. and 113 degrees E.

A skeleton service was maintained by both the "Star" and Vehicular ferries until 9.30 a.m. when the last ferries left the Hongkong wharves after the hoisting of the No. 9 signal. Both services were resumed at 4.15 p.m. from Hongkong.

## BUSES AND TRAMS STOP

The bus service on the mainland were maintained, with the exception of the Un Long route, until 12.30 p.m. when the buses were all recalled to the garages. This service was, however, resumed shortly after 3 p.m.

On the island, buses were only running on the Nos. 2 (Vehicular Ferry to Tai Koo Docks), No. 5 (Kennedy Town to Tai Hang) and No. 5A (Kennedy Town to Happy Valley) routes, until shortly after noon when the wind was at its highest velocity, when all buses stopped running. Service was resumed at 3 p.m.

Trams were also recalled to their depots about the same time as the bus service was suspended, and this service was not resumed until after 3 p.m. when the Peak Tram service, which stopped running at

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## Student Killed

A Police report states that Chan Sin-tai, 17, student, was killed when the staircase of No. 110 Sai Kung Road collapsed at the height of the "blow" at noon yesterday.

Another report from the Kowloon City district states that two males and four females were removed to Kowloon Hospital for treatment of injuries received during the typhoon.

## Tokyo Announces Two War-time Measures

TOKYO, Sept. 16 (Reuter)—At a Cabinet meeting today, the Government announced two war-time measures to tighten control over the movement of industrial and commercial capital and Japan's yen bloc exports, says a Japanese report.

The measures will coincide with the plan for mobilising materials and expanding production already in force.

The capital control programme will give priority in the use of funds in banks and credit institutions to war-time industries.

A reserve fund will be built up to adjust capital supply and demand with the State Treasury to carry out the programme.

The aim of the yen bloc trade programme is to maintain Japan's exports to China and Manchukuo at the 1940 level and increase imports of raw materials from the two countries.

The measures are two of seven important Government plans for 1941.

## Insurgent Activities

ZURICH, Sept. 16 (Reuter)—It is learned from Rome that Signor Mussolini has received Monsignore Segvitch, Professor of Zagreb University who has brought a message from the Premier of Croatia which, it is understood, referred to the difficulty in Croatia owing to insurgent activities.

Aid has been urgently requested to relieve the food shortage.

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## VIGOROUS EXPRESSION OF CHINA'S RESOLVE

CANBERRA, Sept. 16 (Reuter)—Presenting his credentials to LORD GOWRIE, Governor-General of Australia, MR. HSU MO, the First Chinese Minister to Australia, said that the Australians on the various war fronts have aroused the deepest admiration of the Chinese who are defending their own soil with equal valour and determination.

Lord Gowrie said the appointment of Mr. Hsu Mo not only maintained but extended the friendly and harmonious Australian-Chinese relations.

The Herald, in a leader on the occasion, says that in history there are few finer examples of high courage and determination than that which the Chinese people have shown in withstanding four years' attempts of Japan to subdue them, and since his arrival, Mr. Hsu Mo had given a vigorous expression of their resolve to continue the struggle until China's freedom is completely restored.

## GEN. ISMAY GOING TO MOSCOW



GENERAL ISMAY

Additional members of the British Mission, to Moscow, which will be headed by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Supply, (says Reuter Bulletin) are:—

MAJOR-GENERAL G. N. MACREADY, C. M. G., D. S. O., O. B. E., M. C., Assistant Chief of the Imperial General Staff;

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR HASTINGS ISMAY, K. C. B., D. S. O., Senior Staff Officer in the Ministry of Defence; CAPTAIN H. H. BALFOUR, M. C., Under-Secretary for Air.

Members of the Mission already in Moscow are:—Lieut.-General F. N. Mason Macfarlane, M. C.

Acting Colonel K. G. Exham.

Rear-Admiral G. J. A. Miles.

Air Vice-Marshal A. C. Collier;

and

Mr. Laurence Cadbury, representing the Bank of England.

DINES WITH PREMIER  
LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter)—Lord Beaverbrook had an interview yesterday with Mr. Averell Harriman, head of the U.S. Mission to Moscow, and the latter dined with the Prime Minister last night.

Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Har-

riman announced that they will be going to Moscow as soon as possible

## Jap. Minister At Large Returns To U.S. Capital

TOKYO, Sept. 16 (Reuter)—After numerous conferences with high Japanese Army, Navy and Government officials and at least one "important" interview with Mr. Joseph Grew, American Ambassador, Mr. Wakasugi, Japanese Minister at Large, who came back to Japan two weeks ago for consultations, has now returned to the United States.

This was revealed at this morning's Press conference by the Government spokesman, Mr. Koh Ishii, who stated that Mr. Wakasugi sailed on Monday. The spokesman also revealed that a special Foreign Office official was accompanying Mr. Wakasugi back to the American capital but he refused to divulge the name, position or role the official would play in Washington.

## U.S. SUPPLIES

In reply to a question, Mr. Ishii said that neither Washington nor Moscow has yet replied to the Japanese representations regarding shipping of supplies from the United States to Vladivostok.

He also said that he could not tell when the Japanese Government would fill the vacant ambassadorial post in London.

Answering a further question, he declared that the trade negotiations between Japan and the U.S. was still in progress in Tokyo.



# A.R.P. INQUIRY TODAY

Owing to the typhoon the A.R.P. Inquiry which was to have resumed morning was postponed to 10.30 a.m. today at the Police Judge's Court.

The seventh swimming gala of the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents' Union has been postponed to Saturday, at 2.30 p.m.

## ADVERTISEMENT

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Seventh Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 27th September, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 18th September, 1941.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

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# China Very Hopeful For Future Of Reconstruction Programme: Interesting Address At Rotary Tiffin

"China is proud of her past resistance to aggression, is optimistic about the outlook of her situation and very hopeful for her future reconstruction programme," declared DR. STEPHEN CHAO YING PAN, journalist and writer, when he addressed the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club held in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday afternoon.

Rotarian Professor R. Robertson presided.

Mr J. N. Van der Laan introduced Mr J. G. Mulder, Mr N. J. Perrin introduced Mr B. Hallsstone, and Mr Sommers introduced Dr. R. G. Shannon.

Rotarian Robertson welcomed to the meeting Mr J. J. Wierink, from Canton, and Mr L. Stark from Shanghai.

In his address, Dr. Chao said:

As a person who has frequently addressed the Rotary Clubs both in the United States and Canada, I consider it an honour and privilege of having this opportunity to address the Rotary Club of Hongkong. I wish to thank Dr. Arthur Woo, your former President, and Mr. R. Robertson, your President, for their kind invitation extended to me.

In order to understand China's present outlook, it is necessary to discard certain misunderstandings of China. The Chinese people have been quite frequently the victims of unfairness. In many Occidental countries, the name of China is too often associated with laundry tickets, opium dens and the "dark and devious ways" of having a Far Eastern setting. Even to many an American or European, the term Chinese is almost equivalent to coolies, ricksha boys and peasants. It is needless to study the Peking Man's Skull from the standpoint of anthropology to assert that the "Peking Man" is known to be the first human being known to anthropologists. It is equally superfluous for me to tell you that Chinese culture and civilisation have an unbroken history of 45,000 years. I need not mention anything about Chinese literature, classics, philosophy and art. However, Chinese contributions to Occidental civilisation should not be omitted here.

## INVENTION OF PAPER

Paper was invented by the Chinese in the first century of the Christian era and was imported into Europe by the Arabs. The Arabs brought this art to Spain in the 12th century and from Spain it was exported to the rest of Europe. Printing and book printing are also well-known Chinese inventions. The movable type was neither the production of the Hollander, Laurens J. Coster (1370-1440), nor the German, Johannes Gutenberg (1397-1468). It was a Chinese block printer named Pi Sheng, who first used movable porcelain printing during the Ch'ing L' Period (A.D. 1040-48) of Emperor Jen Tsung (1023-63) of the Sung Dynasty.

The mariner's compass, which enabled Christopher Columbus to discover America, is likewise an invention of the Chinese. It is possible that without the invention of the compass, I would not be so

# "DARKIE" CHEN ENDOWMENT

Sufficient funds have now been collected by the soccer matches last season to endow not only one scholarship at Chinese University—where the late Chen Chen-wo was educated—but also for a second at Amoy University, in which city he was born.

The interest on the amount collected and invested in Chinese Bonds besides being sufficient to endow the scholarships will also leave a surplus.

The committee will, in all probability, consist of a representative from Hongkong Chinese Athletic Federation, Hongkong Football Association, Hongkong Football Referees' Association, Chinese Press and two or three of the Chinese public who are keen followers of the game.

"Order" is in conflict with Anglo-American theories of the conduct of international relations and their national interests. Any appeaser must know that the ambition of hegemony in the world cannot be satisfied with any kind of appeasement. History of the past ten years should be sufficient to prove this point. China is the mistress of her own soul. China's extensive territory, rich resources, determined will power together with her increasing military strength will not allow any country or countries to seek peace at China's expense. China, as a bulwark of democracy, is ready to play her own part to defeat the Axis powers and to reconstruct the world.

China is proud of her past resistance to aggression, is optimistic about the outlook of her situation

and very hopeful for future reconstruction programme.

# SPORTING FIXTURES

## TODAY

BASKETBALL. — National University v. Trojans, 7.30 p.m., South China A.A. v. Yu Leang, 8.30 p.m., (Kowloon C.Y.M.C.A.).

LAWN BOWLS. — Open Pairs Championship, Quarter Final, H.A. Alves and V. V. Ribello v. S.R. Soling and K.M. Omar (Kowloon Bowling Green Club), 5.15 p.m.

SWIMMING. — Hongkong Area Army Swimming Championships, Army Pool.

TENNIS. — "C" Division: C.C.C. v. C. D. R. K. I. T. C. v. C.R.C.

## TOMORROW

RACING. — Entries Close for Hongkong Jockey Club's 7th Extra Race Meeting, 12 noon.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

BASKETBALL. — League, V. R. C. v. Ping Ching, 7.30 p.m., Wah Kiu v. Police, 8.30 p.m., (Kowloon C.Y.M.C.A.).

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

LAWN BOWLS. — First Division Indian R.C. v. Kowloon Dockers, Craignower v. K.B.G.C. "B"; Police v. Reccelo "B"; Reccelo "A" v. C.S.C.C. Second Division, Reccelo v. Craignower; Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon F.C.; Kowloon Tong v. Talkoo, Third Division; Craignower v. Police; Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon F.C.; Electric v. Indian R.C.

Rotarian Prof. R. C. Robertson thanked the speaker



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## Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY PRACTICE

The Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club will hold their first practice match at 14 p.m. on Saturday on the "Y" ground at King's Park. Will players please bring both Club and white shirts.

## ANTI-T.B. ASSCN. PATRONAGE

It is learned that His Excellency Sir Mark Young, K.C.M.G., has shown his interest in the anti-tuberculosis campaign being waged in Hongkong by honouring the Association with his patronage.



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ALONG  
TO THE  
PENINSULA

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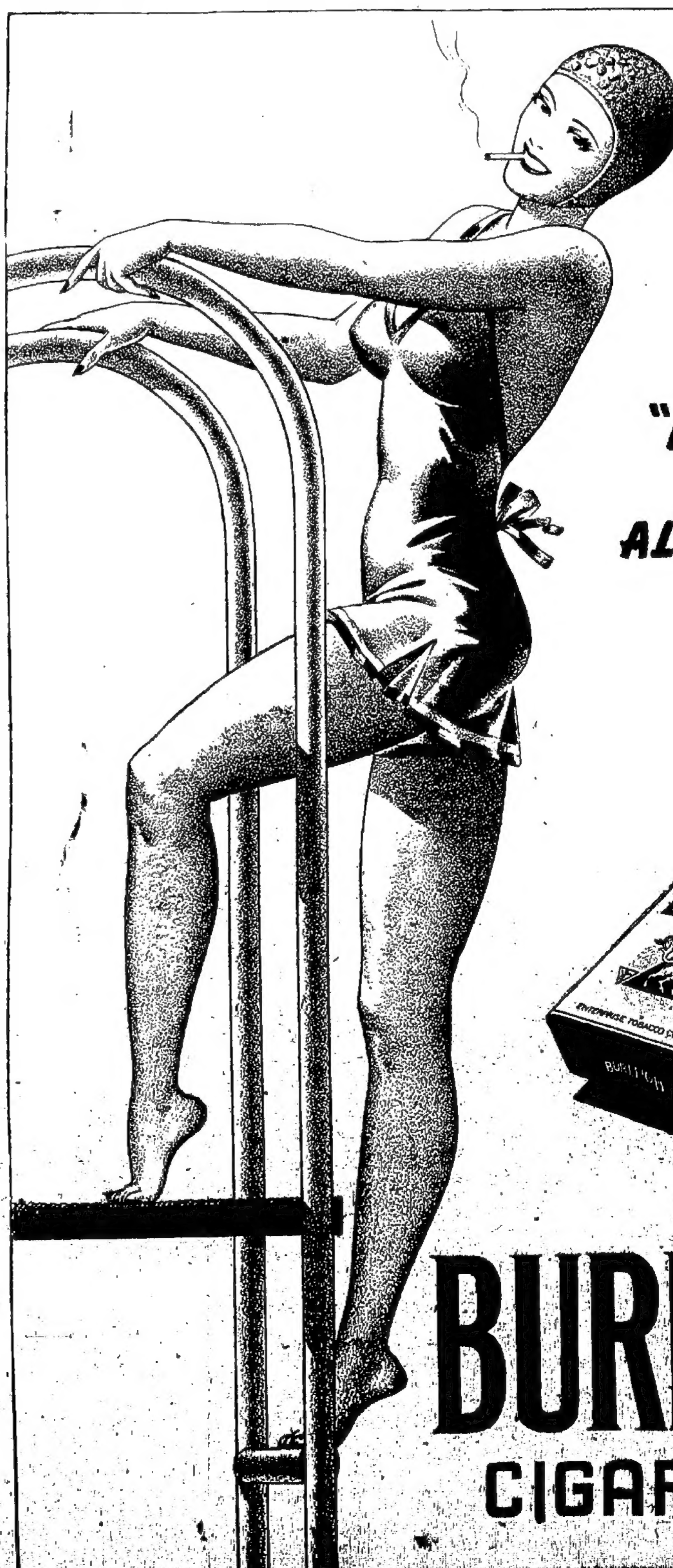
## INCORRECT CONCEPTION

In regard to the form of the Government the Occident generally may have an incorrect conception. Many an American and European may think that China has always been a tyrannical monarchy with the emperor having absolute powers, known as "I am the State" theory. But history again proves that China though for more than 4,000 years had been under a system of monarchy but the Government of China is an autocratic rule superimposed on a democracy. This is evident from such statements by Mencius as "Heaven sees according as the people see; Heaven hears according as the people hear. The people are most important in a nation; the spirits of the land and grain are the next; the sovereign is the lightest." No modern theory on sovereignty is quite similar to this.

No wonder Prof. Giles, an outstanding English authority on Chinese culture and literature, said "China as a great democracy living in the greatest Republic the world has ever seen." Prof. W. W. Willoughby, an American authority on political theories stated that the Chinese are a democratic people. In fact, China's determined resistance has demonstrated to the world that China gives the first admirable example to the world that a weak nation can effectively and successfully resist a formidable aggression.

## CONFLICTING THEORY

The theory of the so-called "New



"MY CHOICE  
ABOVE  
ALL OTHERS!"



**BURLEIGH**  
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## OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

## FUTURISTIC DESIGN



From the current beach wear ranges an attractive and serviceable printed wool bathing suit in a futuristic design of red and green.

## "GRASS WIDOWS" IN ERITREA

Asmara in Eritrea is a town of "grass widows." The population includes 30,000 Italian women, wives of prisoners of war or evacuated from dangerous parts of Abyssinia. Here are also the wives of all Italians in Gondar, where Italy's last force which is being steadily depleted by desertion, awaits the final assault on its defences on top of 3,000 feet, almost unclimbable cliffs.

## LIVING ON ALLOWANCES

Asmara's streets are thronged by Italian women living on allowances granted by the British Government.

Italian civilian residents go about their work peacefully, showing a remarkable disposition to co-operate with British authorities who have shown great leniency in the treatment of the Italians.

All Italian colonial police, in their distinctive uniforms, assist the British military police to control traffic. The petrol shortage is being rapidly overcome.

## CHINA MAY SEND SILK TO U.S.

The United China Relief declared on Sept. 6 it had received Chungking reports that ample silk will be available for the United States from China if the present silk expansion programme in China continues successfully.

The organisation reported that 50 Chinese war orphans have been "adopted" by Americans after radio appeals had been broadcast. Among those adopting "warorphans" was Mr. Albert Einstein, world-famous physicist. The adopters each send the club US\$10.

## TIN HAT BALL ON OCT. 3

## ENTIRELY NEW CABARET

One of the main features at the TIN HAT BALL which is to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Oct. 3, in aid of Hongkong's Bomber Fund, will be an entirely new cabaret by Carol Bateman, assisted by Geiston Gilmore.

Several new dance numbers are now being rehearsed by leading members of the Colony's fair sex, and the fact that Carol is, with her usual ability and originality, undertaking the production, gives every promise that the show will be a very pleasing one.

Dresses are being specially designed, and a local gentleman has kindly come forward and offered to defray the cost of the Cabaret wardrobe.

Other attractions and novelties are also being prepared, but as these are as yet in the hush-hush stage, the public are advised to watch for further announcements.

Those who are planning parties are specially requested to reserve their tables as soon as possible. A large attendance is already assured, and both the promoters and the management of the hotel hope that the usual last minute rush will be avoided so that all table arrangements can be made well in advance.

## GRACIE FIELDS REWINS BRITAIN: BACK IN THE HEARTS OF THE NATION

GRACIE FIELDS IS BACK IN BRITAIN AND THE HEARTS OF HER COUNTRYMEN.

Gracie's songs have cheered soldiers of two wars, but she was criticised in the press and the House of Commons during last year because she remained in North America.

As bombs fell in London, editorialists reminded her admirers that their Gracie wasn't at home to endure the raids. Often her picture was blazed in newsreel theatres.

## NATION'S DARLING

But that's forgotten now, and she's the Nation's darling again—the tall, blonde, onetime Lancashire cotton mill girl with her comic gestures and dialects.

She gave a charity show before war workers at Rochdale the other day. It started slowly but when it was over, they were shouting "she's still our Gracie."

To a Britain, there's magic just in her walk onto a stage. Gracie is 43, her voice has an exceptional range and little else, but her showmanship is amazing.

## ROBUST SONGS

She can sing robust songs to 3,000 war-hardened troops, to the accompaniment of their whistles and cheers, then have them bawling in their battledress as she sings an old Irish lullaby.

Gracie doesn't have much to say about the last year but that she's glad to get home and wants to "sing and sing and sing" to troops, factory workers and "every-one who'll forgive me for being away so long when things were so hard."

## PROPHET MA OF H.K.

Outstanding among the many fortune tellers in Hongkong today is Wense Ma, 35 who is well known for his uncanny accuracy in foretelling coming events.

## MORE REMARKABLE

More remarkable is the fact that he knew what was coming not only to his clients but to himself, although precautionary measure to ward off an evil event was not always successful.

After a hard day's work in which he gave valuable advice to scores of clients seeking fame, wealth or wedlock, Ma went home one evening only to discover through his usual professional medium that something amiss or unpleasant would happen that night.

## WRITING CHARMS

The seer was rather alarmed, as his forecasts always came out correct. Fortunately he believed he also knew how to avoid unfavourable developments by writing charms.

Prophet Ma accordingly prepared several charms and asked his wife to paste them on the wall to prevent the influx of evil spirits. Being a non-believer in astrology, palmistry and kindred sciences, Madame Ma stuck the charms in the wrong order and direction to the chagrin of her husband.

## RIGHT AGAIN!

Husband and wife quarrelled. Hot tirades developed into fierce blows, resulting in injuries to his head.

The prediction of the fortune teller was right again, for he knew in advance that something bad would happen to him that night. The only trouble is that he could not parry it.

## NOT HER UNLUCKY NUMBER

Stewardess Clara Johnson, of United Air Lines, has just resigned after ten years with United, in which time she flew something over 2,000,000 miles more than any other woman in the world!

Miss Johnson was the thirteenth girl in the United States to become a stewardess. She was a pioneer in her way as United was in its—for United was the first line in the country to provide stewardess service on its planes. Today there are more than 500 stewardesses flying the airways of the country.

Miss Johnson, an attractive, amiable-haired girl, retired from the airways in order to join the medical staff of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation at Burbank, California, and contribute what she could to the broad programme of national defence by keeping aeroplane makers in good health.

## B. W. O. F.

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the B.W.O.F. Previously acknowledged £115 and \$739,238.33.

Analysts' Government Laboratory (monthly); \$65. A. H. Guinness (monthly); 20. D. G. Day (monthly); 15. Mrs. F. M. Deacon (monthly); 10. Mrs. Perdue (for employing amahs to knit for children of bombed areas); 10. Mrs. Cock for employing tailors to sew garments for children in bombed areas; 10. The Eastern Athletic Association; 20. Sale of 1 C.H.S.S. Badge; 1. Quarry Bay Working Party; 14.50. Club de Recreio 14th Donation; 850. 1 On Insurance Co., Ltd.; 25. A. K. Chan 10. Kowloon Docks R.C. 17th Donation for St. Dunstons 121. A. Vaswani 25. Total: \$740,434.83 and £115.

## HISTORICAL LANDMARKS IN HONGKONG

Interesting light was shed on several houses in Hongkong bearing significance on the Chinese Revolution by MR. MA SIU-CHUN in a broadcast over the local Broadcasting Station last week.

According to Mr. Ma, one of the earliest revolutionary societies Fu Yan Man Shia Kwong Fuk Wul was inaugurated on March 14, 1892 at No. 1, Pak Tin Lane, (1st Floor), Central District.

There were 16 members including Messrs. Tse Chan-tai, Yeung Kul-wan, Chan Fan, Chau Chew-nok, Wong Kwok-yu, Lo Man-yuk, Lau Yin-bun, Hu Kon-chee, Hun Chung-yu, and Luk King-fo.

Mr. Luk King-fo himself stayed on the 2nd Floor of the same house. Mr. Yeung Kul-wan who was the eldest among them all was elected Chairman of the society. The motto of the society was "Chun Shun Oi Kwok" (Whole-Hearted Patriotism).

So far as Mr. Ma knows, only two of the members, Luk King-fo and Chau Chew-nok, are still living.

No. 13, (Ground Floor), Staunton Street, Central Street, is also an historical spot, where the Hsing Chung Hui, the predecessor of the Tung Meng Hui and the Kuomintang, was inaugurated by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Yew Li, Mr. Yeung Kul-wan and others on February 15, 1895, or according to Mr. Lau Chan-tai, February 18, 1895.

## ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Mr. Wong Wing-sheung was elected Chairman of the Hsing Chung Hui. Three members of the Fu Yan Man Shia Kwong Fuk Wul, Messrs. Yeung Kul-wan, Tse Chan-tai and Chau Chew-nok also joined this new revolutionary organisation.

Later Mr. Wong Wing-sheung resigned and was succeeded by Mr. Yeung Kul-wan as Chairman. Though Mr. Wong and Mr. Yeung were Chairmen successively, Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Mr. Yew Li acted as the real leaders.

## Bride's Gown From Groom's Parachute

If Richard K. West, of New York, was not suffering too badly from the nervous tension that usually attacks a bridegroom as he waited at the altar, he must have observed something familiar about the gown, his bride, Miss Betty Lingle wore in Evanston's First Baptist church, recently.

Although altered considerably, it was made of a parachute Mr. West once used to bail out of his plane, and a beautiful gown it made too, with the silken folds shimmering in the candlelight.

The use to which his parachute had been put was a surprise to the bridegroom, as it was to the family friends gathered to hear the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Lingle, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. West, all of Evanston repeat their wedding vows.

A lavish collar of Duchesse lace belonging to the West family added beauty to the parachute silk. The bride wore a tulle of the same lace, to which was fastened a long tulle veil and she carried Easter lilies.

## NEWSETTES

They're twins, but the newly-born daughters of Mr. and Mrs. David Cabera of Pueblo won't celebrate their birthdays on the same day. The first was born at 9.05 a.m. on Saturday but the second didn't arrive until 27 hours later—about noon Sunday.

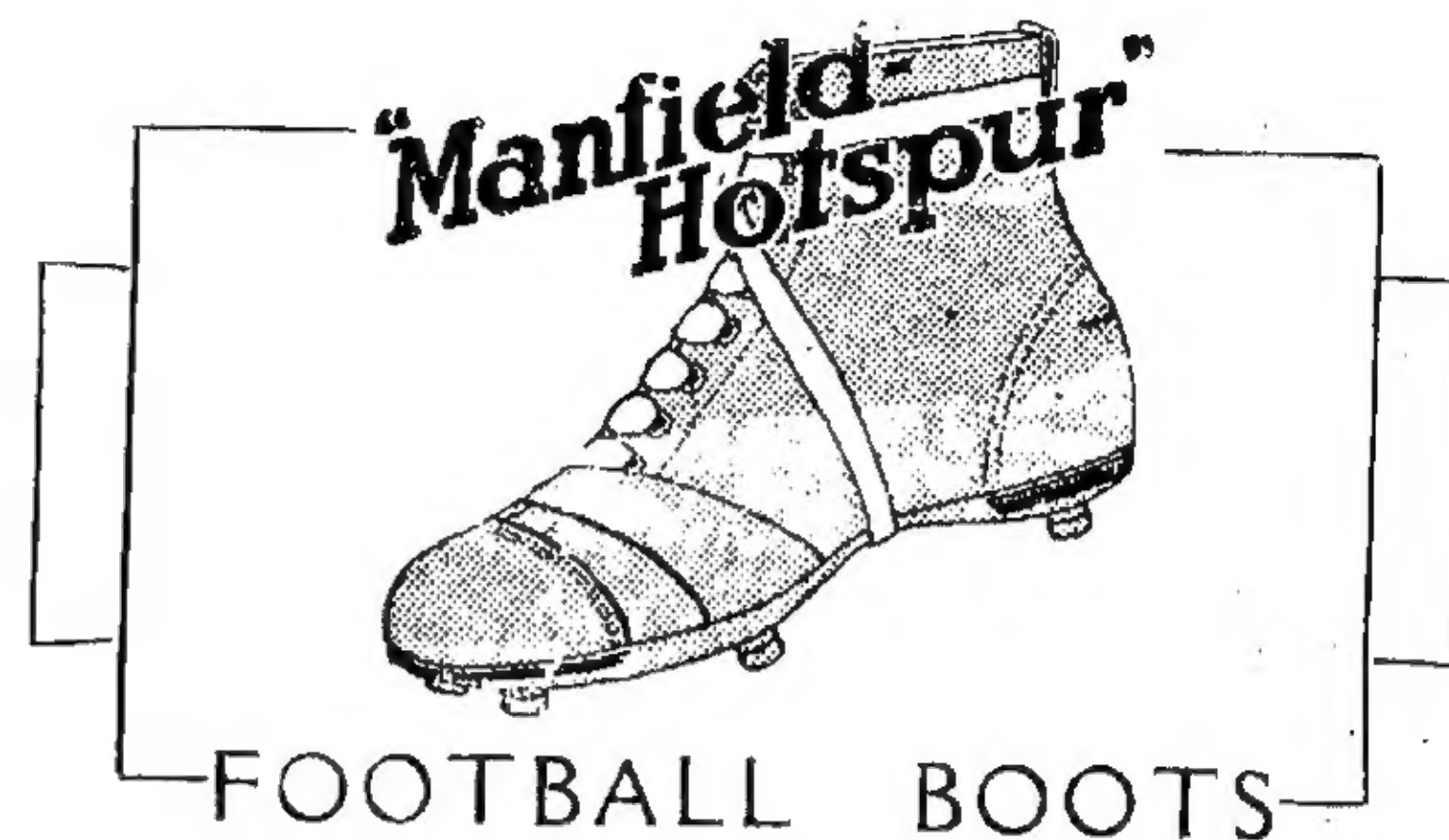
When a hillside near Mrs. J. C. Rosenberger's home burst into bloom unexpectedly she decided to investigate. She found tulip bulbs had been carried to the hill from her garden by gophers and buried just deeply enough to bloom when spring arrived.

Dr. Carlos P. Romulo, well-known journalist in the Philippines, arrived in Chungking by plane on Saturday morning from Manila via Hongkong to study Free China at first hand. Interviews with Chinese Government leaders have been arranged for Dr. Romulo, and he will be entertained by the Rotary Club and other organisations. From Chungking he will proceed to Kunming, Bangkok, Singapore and Batavia.

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## Sober Guarded Warning To Japan: Duff Cooper's Impressions In Far East

SINGAPORE, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—A sober guarded warning to Japan that today she is "one isolated Power facing over-whelming superiority" in the Pacific and the declaration that "it seems therefore hardly believable that the one Axis Power in the Pacific world will deliberately bring down on her head the concentrated wrath and fury of all the Allied Powers that stand firmly united on this side of the world" were made by Mr. A. Duff Cooper in a broadcast to London from Singapore yesterday concerning his first impressions in the Far East.

Mr. Duff Cooper stated that the stressed that there was only one Pacific Ocean was the biggest Power pledged to the Axis while those supporting the Allied cause were a formidable array.

Examining these Powers in detail, Mr. Duff Cooper made the following comments:

"China . . . four hundred million people in whose hearts is a new patriotism the fruit of aggression—a new sense of unity, a new passionate determination to maintain their independence and drive the invader from their shore."

**GLORIOUS PAST**

"Netherlands East Indies . . . those beautiful fertile lands which the Dutch have governed so admirably . . . Dutchmen who have already demonstrated by land, sea and air that they have not forgotten their glorious military past."

"Russia . . . a remorseless, almost invincible fighter . . . which sprawls over half of Europe and Asia."

"United States . . . a gigantic shadow . . . of 130,000,000 people who are pledged to the destruction of tyranny . . . looms behind the British Empire."

"The British Empire whose whole forces are pledged to support the Allies . . . with the backing of Australia and New Zealand, young nations with vigour, courage and vision of a great future."

These Powers, continued Mr. Duff Cooper, are "formidable." A year ago they were in a doubtful position, Russia being connected with the Axis and the United States being much less ready to help the cause of "liberty and justice."

**COMPLETE CHANGE**

However, Mr. Duff Cooper concluded, "the whole situation has undergone a complete change . . . there can be no doubt what the result will be when so many nations are united together and ready for whatever may come."

Mr. Duff Cooper paid a special tribute to China's resistance. After detailing Russia's insignificant stand of 12 weeks against the Germans, Mr. Duff Cooper declared: "The Chinese, one of the most peace-loving peoples of the world, have also aroused wonder by their success in withstanding four years of aggression by a highly modernised efficient and warlike army."

## Britain's Oldest Man Dies At 112

WAS KEEN STUDENT  
OF YOGI

Britain's oldest man, Mr. Alfred Charles Nunez Arnold, died on Monday aged 112 at the Liverpool Convalescent Home in Woolton. He was a keen student of Yogi and attributed his long life and good health to the study of Yogi and "moderation in all things."

Mr. Arnold, who was left an orphan at an early age, was brought up by an uncle in London.

Mr. Arnold was first destined to be an operative singer being a contemporary of Jenny Lind. He then took up journalism, touring the world and working for many newspapers. He was correspondent in three wars and found himself in many tight corners. He spoke French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese and was occasionally heard on the B.B.C.

He was presented with two cigars by King Edward VII when he was Prince of Wales, had coffee with Disraeli and tea with Charles Dickens.

Mr. Arnold was, until recently, living in Saint Pancras Hospital, London, but was evacuated to Liverpool during the Battle of London. He celebrated his 112th birthday, two months ago, says Reuter.

CANBERRA, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Conversations are proceeding here between the Australian and Netherlands East Indies authorities for an interchange of Ministers between Australia and the N.E.I.

## Motives Of Creation Of Japanese National Defence Headquarters Analysed

CHUNGKING, Sept. 16 (Central).—The creation of the National Defence General Headquarters announced in Tokyo by the War Office recently has no direct bearing on the China war; otherwise it would have been created after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, observed the Chinese military spokesman at his Press conference yesterday afternoon.

## War Health Mystery

LONDON.—The United States is sending to Britain a committee of American medical men to try and find out why the people have come through the winter's blitz with better health than in the years of peace.

Medical men generally are completely baffled by the nation's fitness. They feared that after nights of crowding in air raid shelters and exposure to all weathers on A.R.P. and fire watching, epidemics would sweep Britain like a prairie fire.

**FEWER CASES**

In fact, there have been fewer cases of scarlet fever, diphtheria, pneumonia and typhoid fever, and only half the number of deaths from influenza. Whooping cough and meningitis have also been rather more prevalent than usual.

Britain's own doctors offer various explanations of the mystery among them the dispersal of densely populated areas, the improved system of health supervision, the spread of education in preventive measures, fewer people at "the pictures" and in other public places.

Created at a time when the Washington conversations were progressing, the spokesman said Tokyo may want to create the impression that Japan is determined to fight the United States if necessary, thereby hoping to extract more favourable terms from America.

The spokesman noted that the creation of the Headquarters was timed with developments on the Russo-German front where Leningrad and Kiev are being threatened. The spokesman surmised therefore that the Headquarters might possibly have been created with a view to paving the way for a Japanese attack on Siberia.

**ANTI-WAR ELEMENTS**  
Last but not the least, the spokesman said that another motive behind the creation of the Headquarters may be the suppression of anti-war elements and internal dissensionists so as to maintain peace and order in Japan Proper, Korea and Formosa.

In placing the garrison of Japan under the Headquarters of which Gen. Otozo Yamada is Commander-in-Chief, and the Army and Air Force under the same command, the Chinese military spokesman noticed that the Navy is not subject to Yamada's control. On the other hand, the spokesman remarked, the Headquarters is directly responsible to the Japanese Emperor.

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## Exports Of U.S. War Supplies To Nations Fighting The Axis

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt reported to Congress that actual exports of American war supplies to nations fighting the Axis under the Lend Lease programme totalled \$190,447,670 to Aug. 31.

This figure represented expenditures for weapons and other supplies actually sent abroad.

The President added, however, that defence articles transferred, including some still awaiting shipment, amounted to an additional \$35,948,701, while various services, for example, repairing of warships, an additional \$78,169,377.

Furthermore, expenditures for articles for services not yet finished amounted to approximately \$162,000,000.

The President calculated that "through the month of August the total dollar value of defence articles transferred

and defence services rendered plus expenditures for other Lend Lease purposes" amounted to about \$487,000,000.

Mr. Roosevelt said, "Planes, tanks, guns and ships had begun to flow from our factories and yards and the flow will accelerate from day to day until the stream becomes a river and the river a torrent engulfing this totalitarian tyranny which seeks to dominate the world."

## NAZI-CONTROLLED CZECH PAPERS BOYCOTTED

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—As an expression of their indignation at the attitude of the German-controlled Czech newspapers in the German "Czech Protectorate," which are increasingly contemptuous in their references to the real Czech leaders and have adopted towards the Soviet Union and the United States, an attitude ever more violent than of the newspapers published in the Reich itself, these newspapers are to be boycotted by the population, says Reuters. Diplomatic Correspondent.

According to information reaching London, the Czechs for a whole week will refrain from buying, reading, borrowing or opening any Czech newspaper.

The boycott began yesterday, the fourth anniversary of the death of M. Thomas Masaryk, the first President of Czechoslovakia.

What is very significant is the fact that the Slovak population has agreed to boycott its own German-controlled newspapers for the same period.

## 168 DEATHS FROM T.B. IN A WEEK

Of a total of 292 cases of TUBERCULOSIS reported to the local Health Authorities for the week ending Sept. 13, 168 deaths from this disease have been registered.

Figures for other notifiable infectious diseases are as follows: cholera 19 cases, five deaths; diphtheria four cases; dysentery 61 cases, 21 deaths; enteric fever 26 cases, ten deaths;

The number of infectious diseases notified for the 24 hours, ending midnight, Sept. 15 included cholera, 5; dysentery 11; and tuberculosis 37.

Over the week-end the following cases were notified:—cholera, 7; dysentery, 6; enteric fever, 2; and tuberculosis 42.

## Wheat For Iran

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Quantities of wheat, sugar and tea, running into hundreds of tons, are due at Bandarshapur from India for sale to the proper authorities in Iran, it was announced here.

British and Russian forces in Iran are refraining from buying locally any foodstuffs such as wheat and sugar of which there is a temporary shortage and instead, these two Governments are actually exporting such necessities to Iran.

Soviet vessels are carrying to Iranian ports, via the Caspian Sea, not only supplies for Russian forces but also flour, sugar, cotton and piece goods for sale in Iran.

It is stated here that the first consignment of 49,000 tons of sugar, ordered from the Netherlands East Indies through British and Dutch interests, has already left for Iran.



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17—Tides—High 6.15 a.m. and 3.0 p.m.; Low 2.04 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.11 a.m.; Sunset: 7.25 p.m.

Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Criminal Session, Supreme Court, 10 a.m.

House Committee meeting, S. and S. Home, 5.30 p.m.

Volunteer Bowls Inter-Unit Competition, Meeting, No. 2 Lecture Room, 5.30 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

European YMCA War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.

Cosmopolitan Concert Party, C.C.C. in aid of Bomber Fund.

18—Tides—High 7.18 a.m. and 9.14 p.m.; Low 1.18 a.m. and 2.44 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.11 a.m.; Sunset: 7.24 p.m.

Entries Close for 7th Extra Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club, noon.

Royal Artillery Stanley Dance, Y's Men's Club, Tiffin, St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.

Ko-loon Chess Club Peninsula Hotel, 6.30 p.m.

Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong, St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.

Triangular Games Evening, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 8.45 p.m.

19—Tides—High 8.17 a.m. and 9.3 p.m.; Low 2.11 a.m. and 3.20 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.11 a.m.; Sunset: 7.24 p.m.

Claims against Estate of late Mr. Petric due.

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H.K.S.P.C. Supper Carnival at the Ritz Quarry Bay, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.

War-time Intercession Service, St. Andrew's Church, 8.30 p.m.

20—Tides—High 9.09 a.m. and 10.04 p.m.; Low 2.58 a.m. and 3.54 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.11 a.m.; Sunset: 7.23 p.m.

H.K.V.D.C. Annual Swimming Championships, Army Pool, 9 p.m.

21—Tides—High 9.58 a.m. and 10.24 p.m.; Low 3.44 a.m. and 4.28 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.11 a.m.; Sunset: 7.22 p.m.

Macao Jockey Club September Race Meeting, Arela Preta Course, Macao.

H.K.C.C.S.C. Annual Harbour Race, 2.30 p.m.

22—Tides—High 10.49 a.m. and 11.07 p.m.; Low 4.28 a.m. and 5.04 p.m.

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 The Orchestra Mascotte and Yvonne Printemps (Soprano).

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## U.S. MISSION TO MOSCOW

Averell Harriman Greeted By Eden At Aerodrome

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—When Mr. Averell Harriman head of the United States Mission to Moscow, arrived in London by air yesterday evening, he was greeted at the aerodrome by Mr. Eden (Foreign Secretary), Lord Beaverbrook (Minister for Supply), Capt. Harold Balfour (Under-Secretary for Air), Mr. John G. Winant (American Ambassador in London), and M. Ivan Maisky (Soviet Ambassador) and Oumasky (Russian Ambassador in Washington) who is on his way to Moscow.

Mr. Harriman was accompanied by three members of the Mission, namely, Admiral W. H. Standley, Major-General James Burns and Mr. William Batt, of the United States Office of Production.

## 169 CASUALTIES IN AIR RAIDS DURING AUGUST

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—One hundred and sixty-nine persons were killed or are missing and believed killed as the result of German air raids on the United Kingdom during August.

This number includes 56 men, 72 women, 28 children under 16 years of age, and 13 unclassified.

During the same period, 136 persons were injured and detained in hospital. This figure includes 66 men, 51 women and 19 children, under 16 years of age.

During August last year, 1,085 persons were killed and 1,285 seriously injured.

## SERIOUS VIEW TAKEN OF GERMAN THREAT TO KIEV

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—A serious view is taken here of the German threat to Kiev, writes ANNALIST in a military commentary yesterday.

It is obvious that the German High Command is making another attempt to use the pincer offensive which has not proved conspicuously successful so far.

In territories where fighting hitherto has taken place there are no towns of sufficient importance to call for their defence to the east and, as a consequence, the Soviet forces have always evaded the arms of the pincers while inflicting the maximum loss on the enemy as they advanced.

This system of "elastic defence" proved exceedingly successful and the only cases where Soviet troops did not elude the German encirclement were at Tallinn and Odessa.

Both these places, however, could be reinforced and supplied from the sea and Tallinn was finally evacuated when resistance was no longer possible. Odessa is still holding and seems confident of its ability to do so indefinitely.

The case of Leningrad is not entirely analogous because, according to Russia claims, it is not completely encircled although seriously menaced.

But Kiev is now distinctly threatened and the Russians, apparently, have no intention of evacuating the place but will rely on their defence, on their indomitable spirit and on the rigours of winter to keep the Germans at bay.

THROWING ALL WEIGHT It is obvious that the Germans are throwing all their weight into the scale to try to effect a decisive success in the few days left before winter sets in.

Already the first snow has fallen at Murmansk and low temperatures further south point to a severe winter.

Advantages conferred by a "general frost" will all be on the side of the defenders who will not only be better sheltered but better

## British Tanks Next Week For The Front Lines Defending Leningrad, Kiev

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Every tank and tank part made in Britain next week is to be sent straight to the front lines of defending LENINGRAD, KIEV and ODESSA.

This token of Britain's all-out aid for the Soviet Union is announced by the Minister of Supply, LORD BEAVERBROOK, in a telegram to all tank factory workers.

His message runs: "The call is for the utmost. From now on tank factories in this country must supply not only the armies of Britain but the needs of Russia whose soldiers today fight in the same shining cause."

"From Monday next, Sept. 22, therefore, and for the space of seven days the work of your hands will be sent to the front lines defending Leningrad, Kiev and Odessa. There will be no delay. There will be more to come."

"But the tanks you build next week will go forth into action to play their part in the battle now. Come then, in the foundries and forges of Britain, in the engine works and assembly lines to the task and duty of helping Russia to repel the savage invaders who bring torture to mankind."

## Big Air Combat On Egyptian-Tripoli Frontier Told

CAIRO, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—A big air battle on the Egyptian-Tripoli frontier was recorded in a communique from British R.A.F. Headquarters on Monday evening.

The communique says: "A strong force of South African bombers yesterday attacked and dispersed enemy motor transport and armoured fighting vehicles in the frontier area."

A large number of the bombs fell among the vehicles. Many direct hits were observed and fires of considerable dimensions broke out.

The last formation of our attacking aircraft, with its fighter escorts, was engaged by German and Italian fighters. In the ensuing air combat one Messerschmitt of the 109 type and one Italian of the Cant 50 type were destroyed, and others badly damaged.

One of our bombers and three fighters are missing.

SUCCESSFUL ATTACK Another force of our fighters attacked a large concentration of enemy aircraft on the Gambut landing ground. The attack was successful, a large number of enemy aircraft being destroyed or badly damaged.

One Italian aircraft of a 'Seventine' type was shot down in the frontier zone.

During Saturday night R.A.F. bombers raided Tripoli, Benghazi and Bares.

At Tripoli bombs were dropped on shipping in the harbour and on the Spanish Mole. Many bursts were observed on and near ships both in the harbour and on the quayside.

At Zuara one large ship, believed to be part of the remnants of a convoy successfully attacked by the Fleet Air Arm and R.A.F. in Central Mediterranean, was seen blazing furiously. The ship later exploded with great violence.

## OIL STORAGE HIT

At Benghazi both the harbour and shipping were bombed while at Bares an oil storage building was bombed by the Fleet Air Arm during Saturday night.

In addition to those already mentioned one other British aircraft is missing. The crew of one British aircraft which was reported lost in the Mediterranean on Sept. 12 has now been brought to safety.

## CHINA-BURMA RELATIONS

The Chinese Goodwill Mission to Burma has returned to China, warmly appreciative of the hospitality and courtesies accorded them by the Governor, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, Premier U. Saw, of the Burmese Government, and various popular organisations in Burma.

"They are all quite enthusiastic over the future co-operation between China and Burma, not only in cultural but also in economic fields," Dr. Quo Tai-chi said, according to Central News.

of the victories of German arms in the east to stand the test. But these figures are far from final. They are but a prelude of things yet to come."

## REVISION OF NEUTRALITY ACT DISCUSSED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Mr. Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, stated at a Press conference that the revision of the Neutrality Act was discussed by legislative leaders at a conference with President Roosevelt at the White House yesterday but no conclusions were reached.

Mr. Rayburn did not disclose details of the discussion but, answering a question, said: "There has been a lot of talk about it."

He declared the President would send a message to Congress on Thursday on the subject of new Lease and Lend appropriation which, informed sources said, would amount to \$6,000,000,000.

The neutrality law, among other things, forbids the arming of merchantmen engaged in commerce with any foreign countries after the President has proclaimed that a state of war exists between those nations.

## British T.U.C. Move Welcomed In India

BOMBAY, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—The Executive of the All-India Anti-Fascist Trades Union Council, claiming to represent over 150,000 workers, passed a resolution welcoming the move of the British Trades Union Congress to set up a joint Anglo-Soviet Trades Union Council to intensify the anti-Fascist struggle, and to safeguard the interests of workers, and condemning the attitude of the All-India Trade Union Congress in the matter.

## ALEXANDRIA RAID

CAIRO, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Two people were slightly injured and slight damage was caused to property in an air raid on Alexandria yesterday morning. Alarms were also sounded in some Delta provinces.



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JUST RECEIVED W. ATLEE BURPEE CO'S. FLOWER and VEGETABLE SEEDS OF THE BEST THAT IS POSSIBLE TO PRODUCE NOW OBTAINABLE AT GRACA & CO., Dealers in Garden Seeds, Postage Stamps, Picture Books No. 10, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

## Financial Operations Of Axis News Agencies

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 16 (Reuter).—Revelations about the financial operations of Axis news agencies were contained in a third report issued by the Parliamentary Committee which is investigating anti-Argentine activities.

The report shows that Trans-Ocean, a German undertaking and the Italian Euro-America undertaking have spent enormous sums in propaganda though profits they made were negligible.

Between 1937 and 1940 Trans-Ocean received 1,000,000 pesos from Berlin while local receipts did not exceed 26,000 pesos. In one month this news agency spent 20,000 pesos, compared with local receipts of 600 pesos.



## U.S. NAVY WILL PROTECT LEASE-LEND CARGOES

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Sept. 16 (Reuter)—Beginning today, the United States Navy will protect all Lease-Lend cargoes traversing the sea "between the American continent and the waters adjacent to Iceland," said Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, addressing the American Legion Convention.

Colonel Knox described the Atlantic Fleet's orders in unequivocal language—"to capture or destroy" every Axis surface or sub-surface raider that is encountered.

"This is our answer to Hitler's pointing out that the Navy Declaration that he will try to paralyze immediately published sink every ship encountered on a) information about this incident routes leading from the United while the German Government States to British ports," he added, "countered by saying that the Col. Knox's announcement came Green fired the first shot. Col. Knox said: 'The whole issue is near the end of his address in far too broad to make the question which he declared that since the United States occupation of Iceland on July 7, Hitler and the Nazis have been palpably losing the Battle of the Atlantic' and were therefore forced to attempt to break down the bridge of ships carrying supplies to Britain."

"If Hitler and the Nazis did not take swift successful measures to break down that bridge, Col. Knox said, the defeat of England the primary purpose of the war would become impossible. If they did make such an all-out effort, they would add the United States Navy to their numerous foes."

"It was a grim choice but Nazi action in the past few days has left little room for doubt as to what they would do. A German submarine attacked an American destroyer carrying mail to our post in Iceland. The encounter came in broad daylight and the American destroyer carried identification marks. At short range the submarine discharged three torpedoes aimed at the American destroyer. The Greer evaded them and promptly attacked the submarine with depth charges," Col. Knox continued.

## Government May Save Clerks From Unemployment

(TRIBUNE STAFF REPORTER)

Hundreds of experienced clerks in rubber broking and rubber dealing firms in Malaya are threatened with unemployment as the result of a situation which is forcing the firms out of business.

It all began when the United Kingdom, represented by Sir John Hay, at about this time last year, made an agreement with the United States by which the latter was to buy up surplus stocks of rubber to build up a reserve of 300,000 tons, for any emergency.

It was agreed that this rubber was to be bought within certain price limits, so as to ensure producers a fair price, but events have occurred which have forced the U.S. Government, in order to buy rubber for the reserve stock within the price ranges, to come for practical purposes the importer of rubber. Consumers in the U.S. were forcing up the price and there was little rubber going to the reserve stock.

The U.S. Government's action has knocked the big firms out of business because free competition has ended and rubber is being bought and sold here at prices which allow the dealers and brokers no chance to make a profit.

Government has been approached and is taking a sympathetic interest in the matter and negotiations are proceeding which, even if successful, many still mean that many clerks will be forced out of employment.

Sir John Hay, representing the British Government and the International Committee, made the agreement with the United States Government during June and August last year.

The objects of the agreement were that the U.S. could be assured of a reserve stock in case of an emergency, while the British and Dutch producers could be assured of a fair price for some time to come.

Arrangements were made that the stock would be held by the U.S. Government and would be resold eventually in such a way that it would not unduly disturb the market.

To build up this reserve, a Reserve Company was formed composed of the five biggest consumers in the U.S.—Goodyear, Goodyrich, Firestone, General Rubber and U.S. Rubber, who have come to be known as the "Big Five."

Unfortunately consumers' demands for rubber became so great that the Reserve Company was unable to buy sufficient rubber, consumers—including the Big Five—buying so much that there was only a trickle available for the Reserve Company.

The Reserve Company, being outbid by consumers and the price rose till it exceeded the limit agreed to originally by the British and U.S. Governments, and, of course, the Dutch Government, in addition an acute shortage of

freight space to America upset calculations.

As a result of this the U.S. Government undertook to provide freight for all rubber shipped from Malaya, but instead of freight being allocated here, the allocation was made in New York with the result that the Big Five again received the majority of allocations. There was then no rationing of consumption in the U.S. and the result was that anybody who could obtain freight space was prepared to bid high in order to obtain rubber. The price soon went above that fixed in the agreement.

**PRICE-RAISING FACTOR**  
The quantity of rubber arriving in the U.S. was not enough to satisfy the demands of consumers and they bought all they could of rubber for immediate shipment—another price-raising factor which defeated the object of the rubber reserve idea.

Prices exceeded the agreed limits and space on ships which should have gone to the reserve shipment was being allocated to consumers.

It, once again, became a problem which the U.S. Government had to settle and the authorities decided that all rubber should go through a single buying agency. Consumption was rationed so that any surplus would automatically go to the Reserve Company.

The Reserve Company was appointed the sole buyer for the U.S. Government and at the same time prices for all grades were fixed and the United Kingdom buyers also agreed not to exceed Reserve Company's prices.

Here it should be mentioned that one of the items agreed on when Sir John Hay and U.S. Government representatives met and decided on the necessity of building up a reserve stock, was that in buying the rubber, normal channels of the trade should be used in order that the trade should not be disorganised. This was necessary as it was realised that normal trade facilities would be needed when the war ended.

However, with the fixing of maximum and minimum prices and making the Reserve Company the sole buyer of rubber the "normal trade" was affected.

In Malaya the effect was that prices were virtually fixed and this destroyed the free market Malaya hitherto enjoyed. This is explained by the usual result that when prices are fixed, invariably

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Sept. 15.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3½% (Red after 1952)	106-5 16
Defence Loan, 3%	101½
Canton K'loon Rly 5%	13
Chinese 4½% Gold Loan 1888 (Brit. Issue)	46
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925/47	45
Chin. 4½% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	46
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912	29½
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	38
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers)	10
Chin. Imperial Rly 5% Loan	60
Honan Rly. 5% 1905	14
Hukuang Rly 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Rly 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5%, 1913	13
Shai-N'king Rly 5%	47
Tientsin-Pukow Rly 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	13
Tientsin-Pukow Rly 5% (German Stpd.)	13
Tientsin-Pukow Rly 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	13
Tientsin-Pukow Rly 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	13
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan 1924	29-32
Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan 1924	7½
Chartered Bank	94½
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Ldn. Reg.)	77½
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Col. Reg.)	85
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	15/6
Chosen Corporation	5/6
Mercantile Bank of India, £S. "C"	11½
Pekin Syndicate	1/-
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	13-9
S'hai Waterworks "A"	15
Union Insurance	22
Gula Kalumpung Rubber Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	15½
Great Western Rly.	41½
National Bank of India B. A. Tob. (bearer)	32
Dunlop Rubber	35/10½
Bristol Aeroplane	10/7½
Imperial Chemical Ind	32/4½
United Steel	23/7½
Woodwards	57/3
Marsman Investments	7/6
Western Holdings	19/9
Sub-Nigel	143/9
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	56/3
* bid	1 ex div.

These maximum prices become minimum prices.

**PRICE MARGINS**  
The competition to obtain such rubber as has been available has led to narrower and narrower price margins until dealers, brokers and others in the trade have found it practically pointless to carry on.

The small firms with cheaper overhead charges are able to carry on and in the scramble an era of profit-stealing threatens to open out here which would oust the big firms. The big firms do not intend to be ousted and they can only carry on by cutting down on overhead expenses, the overhead being reckoned in terms of clerks' salaries and staff.

In some firms in Singapore clerks with many years' service have received notice, and others, idle for lack of work for their firms, wait anxiously for further developments.

Those attempting to seek a solution to the problem, point to what has been done in the U.S. and the United Kingdom to preserve the "normal trade structure"—as stipulated in the original agreement. In New York dealers get 1/16 cent per pound, and in London 1/8 penny, which has come to be called the "service fee" paid by the respective Governments.

Something like this is needed in Malaya and government, has been approached, and I understand from authoritative sources, is not unsympathetic. Firms and dealers in Malaya foresee, also, considerable trouble ahead unless more free competition is allowed, and have made suggestions to government which are under consideration.

In the Netherlands East Indies, where much the same conditions have resulted, the "service fee" system is, it is understood, to be started shortly.

## SUGAR PRICES

New York, Sept. 15 (Reuter).

NEW YORK SUGAR

Raw Sugar Centrifugal, shipment from Cuba, c & f. New York, duty free:—

Spot	3.50b
Raw Sugar Futures (Contract No. 3)	
Sept.	2.74b/76a
Jan.	2.78b/80a
Mar.	2.77b/79a
May	2.80b/82a
July	2.82b/84a

Sales for the day—25 lots.

Raw Sugar Futures (Contract No. 4)	
Dec.	2.12b/12a
Mar.	2.08b/9a
May	2.08b/9a
July	2.10b/10a

Volume of business done—163 lots.

B. bid A. asked N—nominal

**WINNIPEG WHEAT**

per bushel	
Oct.	73/73
Dec.	74½/77
May	78½a

**CHICAGO WHEAT**

per bushel	
Sept.	118½/118½
Dec.	122½/122½
May	126½/126½
Highest (Dec.)	122½
Lowest ( )	121½
Saturday's sales	10,719,000 bushels.

**NEW YORK COTTON**

Opening	Closing
Oct.	17.80/80 17.71/71
Dec.	17.99/18.00 17.90/91
Jan.	18.06/06 17.95/95
Mar.	18.21/21 18.08/10
May	18.35/32 18.21/21
July	18.39/39 18.25/25
Spot	18.41
Highest (Dec.)	18.09
Lowest ( )	17.90
Silver, Official Rate	34-3/4
London Silver, Spot	23-1/2d

**LONDON METALS EXCHANGE**

London, Sept. 15 (Reuter).  
Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, buyers £257, sellers £257-1/4.  
Tin, Standard, 3 Months, Middle Price, buyers £259-3/4, sellers £260.  
Market steady.

## RUBBER'S FUTURE: WARNING

A dividend of six per cent. was approved at the 18th annual meeting of Gorton (Malaya) Rubber Estates, Ltd., in London recently, as against 3½ per cent. for 1939.

Sir Gordon Voules, the chairman, said: "It has been my intention to invest practically the whole of the working capital of this company in War Bonds, treating them as the equivalent of cash upon which we could arrange with our bankers to make advances as and when actually required for expenditure."

"On closer investigation, I find that the Treasury require the tax authorities to treat all investments made by any company, whether in War Bonds or otherwise, as thereby excluded from the business capital of the company, and such investments cannot rank for allowance of the 8 per cent approved in respect of increased capital employed."

**HARSH RULING**  
"I find this ruling harsh, and we are taking what steps we can to have our working capital allowed as part of the capital of the company in the calculation of our taxation liabilities."

With regard to the outlook for rubber, the chairman said: "It is essential that rubber companies should build up an amortisation reserve. The taxation authorities, however, refuse to allow such a reserve to be deducted from profits before calculating liability for income-tax."

"In view of our Excess Profits Tax standard we can only build up such a reserve by sacrificing the very modest dividend we are able to pay. This attitude of the Treasury seems to be unreasonable. Some additional relief to rubber producers would seem to be a matter of justice and would be of great assistance to meet the difficult times which lie before them after the war, pending the re-establishment of our former European markets. I fear too that our future prospects will be jeopardised by the large reserves of stocks that are being accumulated in the United States."

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

LOSING QUOTATIONS  
SEPTEMBER 16, 1941.

London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
Shanghai:—	
On demand	460
Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
Japan:—	
On demand	102 1/4
India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer and demand	82 5/8
New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 15/16	
Credits, 60 days' sight 25 5/8	
Batavia:—	
On demand	46 3/4
Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
Saigon:—	
On demand	106
Manila:—	
On demand	49 7/8
Bangkok:—	
On demand	148
On Sterling Notes	Nom.
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 1/2

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Sept. 16 (Reuter).  
Official T.T. Rates

Opening	
London	0/3-5 32
New York	5-5/16
Japan	unquoted
India	17-1/2
Paris	unquoted
Hongkong	21
Silver Duty Rate	
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.	
The Equalisation rate was 24½ per cent.	

**India Rupee Paper**  
Bombay, Sept. 15 (Reuter).  
Govt. 3½ per cent. Rupee, 98-0-0

## H.K. Stock Exchange

Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Canton Ins., \$240.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$187.50.	
Wharves, \$97.	
Providents, \$7.45.	
Hotels, \$4.20.	
Lands, \$38.25.	
Realities, \$4.15.	
Chinese Estates, \$100.	
Lights (O), \$7.10.	
Lights (N), \$2.30.	
Telephones (N), \$9.	
Watsons, \$13.25.	
Wharves, \$99.	
Providents, \$7.50.	
Hotels, \$4.40.	
Lands, \$39.	
Electricity Rts., \$14.25.	
Cements, \$17.25.	

**SALES**  
Providents, \$7.45/50.  
Lights (O), \$7.20.

## FEDERAL RESERVE RETURNS

New York, Sept. 15 (Reuter).	
Aug. 28 Sept.	
(000's Omitted)	
Total Loans \$10,903,000	\$10,975,000
Investments 18,335,000	18,255,000

## LONDON GOLD

London, Sept. 15 (Reuter).  
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

## HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY 16 SEPT.

Buyers	Sellers	Today's Sales	Last Sale Report	Buyer	Seller	Share	Volume
\$1480			\$1480	H.K. Banks			\$1480
			\$285	Do. (Col. Reg.)			285
			\$277½	Do. (Lon. Reg.)			277½
			\$294	Chartered Banks		X.D.	294
			\$232½	Mercantile Bks. "A"			232½
			\$211	Mercantile Bks. "C"			211
			\$76	Bank of East Asia			76
				N. C. & S. Banks			
				Insurances			
			\$230	Canton Insurances			\$230
			\$433	Union Insurances		\$440	75 cts.
			\$1	Underwriters			\$187½
			\$187½	H.K. Fire			
				Shipping			
			\$120	Douglases			\$120
			\$10	Steamboats			\$10
			\$20	Indo-China (Prof.)			\$20
			\$70	Indo-China (Def.)			\$70
			\$63	Shells			\$63
			\$6 55	Waterbates			\$6 55
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.			
			\$94	H.K. & S. Wharves			\$94
			\$7.30	Providents			\$7.30
			\$7½/40	H.K. Docks (Old)			\$10½/4
			\$204/19 40	H.K. Docks (New)			\$36½
				Shanghai Docks			
				Mining			
			14/0	Kailans			14/0
			\$7½	Rauba			\$7.30
			2 cts.	Hong Kong Mines			
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings			
			\$4.20	H.K. & S. Hotels			\$4.20/25
			\$38½	H.K. Lands			\$97½
			\$97½	Do. 4% Debentures			
			\$28½	Shanghai Lands			\$4.15
			\$4.15	H.K. Realities			\$6
			\$8	Humphreys			
			\$98	Chinese Estates			
			\$100	Cotton Mills			
				Ewo (S.)			\$48½
			\$48½	S'hai Cottons (S.)			\$305
			\$305	Zoong Sings (S.)			
				Wing On Textiles (S.)			\$125
				Public Utilities			
			\$18.40	H.K. Tramways			\$18.40
			\$7½	Peak Trams (old)			\$7½
			\$3½	Peak Trams (new)			\$3½
			\$64	Star Ferries			\$64
			\$64	Small Ferries			
			\$7.10	China Lights (O)		\$7.30	\$7.10
			\$2.65	China Lights (New)			\$2.65/45
			\$24	H.K. Electricity (R.O.)			\$24
			\$24	H.K. Electricity (New)			\$24
			\$14 16 55	H.K. Electric (Rta)			\$14.10/13.60
			\$18½	Macao Electric			
			\$18½	Macao Electric			
			\$13.10	Sandakan Lights			\$13.10
			\$24½	Telephones (old)			\$24½
			\$9	Telephones (new)			\$9
				Industrials			
			\$45	Cald, Macg. (Ord.) S			







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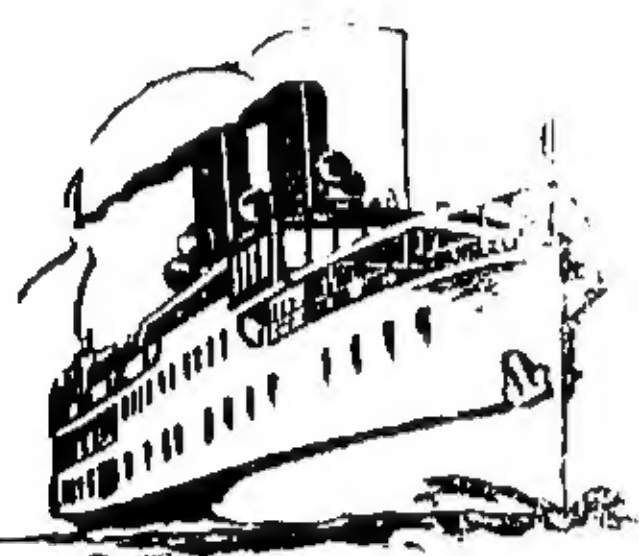
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# NATIONAL AIR RAID DISTRESS FUND

## Aid From Empire Sources

LONDON, Sept. 16 (BWS)—The extent of aid from Empire sources to the National Air Raid Distress Fund was revealed by the Chairman of the north-eastern region council of the fund at Sheffield when a mobile canteen, presented to Sheffield by residents of Salisbury, SOUTHERN RHODESIA, was handed over by Mr. H. M. Langan O'Kieffe, High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia.

## MUTINY BY PRO-JAP. TROOPS

CHUNGKING, Sept. 16 (Reuter)—Thirty thousand pro-Japanese troops, it is reported, have mutinied in the north of Honan Province according to a Chinese communiqué which states:

"GENERAL LIU CHANG-YI, pro-Japanese northern Honan pacification commissioner, commanded 30,000 troops in an area in the vicinity of Sinyang, Ponal, Menghsien and Chinyan.

"On Sept. 11, when 50 Japanese officers, including a general and a major, inspected his troops, the latter mutinied and killed all the Japanese officers excepting two whom they made prisoner.

"Afterwards, these troops attacked a Japanese position in the area, capturing Wenhshien and inflicting 600 casualties. On the following day, the Japanese at Sinyang counter-attacked in the direction of Wenhshien. Fighting is said to be at present progressing between Japanese and Chinese troops."

## SEAFARERS WANT ADEQUATE WAR BONUS

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (Reuter)—Nine ships are now tied up as the result of a strike called by seafarers of the International Union of North America which began on Saturday.

In an interview, Mr. John Hawk, National Secretary of the Union, said the strike would spread to many other ships, now at sea when they reached port.

## No Sign Of Agreement

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States is no longer willing to accept promises of action or inaction only later to find them unfulfilled because of some alleged change in Japanese domestic politics or some new Japanese Army reluctance.

If Japan expresses a willingness to take certain steps they must be irrefragable and it is stated that the talks which have so far taken place in Washington have made this amply clear to the Japanese Government beyond possibility of misunderstanding. All that can be said at present is that the exploratory discussions are going on and it is difficult to find any really informed person here who believes that anything but a "truce" with Tokyo is possible from these talks and at this stage relations are likely to remain in suspense, certainly getting no better and probably getting no worse, with Japan remaining quiet and continuing to play for time to the benefit of the United States in that she would not have to engage in hostilities in the Pacific at this time.

### JAPAN'S FEAR

There is not the slightest suggestion that while these exploratory talks continue any economic sanctions which America imposed on Japan should be relaxed. It must be remembered that it is Japan who has the most to fear from worsening relations with the United States or China.

Reports from Tokyo and statements by Japanese spokesmen indicating that Japan has been friendly towards the United States by allowing tankers to reach Vladivostok are assessed in Washington at their true value.

It is known that feeling in Japan is bitter that Russia can get from the United States supplies which Japan herself covets but cannot get and these latest statements on the subject are considered in Far Eastern circles here as an effort to make a virtue out of weakness.

The Chairman said he had credit of £3,000,000. Over £1,250,000 has been distributed, in addition to £400,000 worth of clothing. AUSTRALIA had contributed £737,000. CANADA £432,000. INDIA £270,000. SOUTH AFRICA £270,000. NEW ZEALAND £143,000 and SOUTHERN RHODESIA £64,000.

Considering that Southern Rhodesia has a white population of only 34,000 and a native population of 800,000, its efforts, he added, was magnificent.

The High Commissioner said, "We are in this war of our own free will and up to the necks in it. Our people and resources are at the disposal of the Mother Country."

# STORY OF TYPHOON

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about 11 a.m., also restarted operation.

Restaurants in town did a roaring business as many office workers who ordinarily go home for lunch were left stranded by the suspension of the various services.

### HARBOR DAMAGES

Four large ships and innumerable junks were reported by mid-day to be in trouble in the Harbour as the result of the very rough weather and the huge waves slashing the waterfront.

One of the vessels was reported to be a 7,000-ton ship which had gone aground on Little Green Island, some 300 yards from Green Island. According to a Police report, the bows of this vessel were firmly embedded on the island. The crew have landed on the island but, due to the ship being held fast, the men could go on board and leave as they like despite the velocity of the wind and waves at this point.

Another vessel of 3,000 tons was seen drifting past Mount Davis about 12 noon towards the minefields. Police and naval craft were sent to her assistance.

Half an hour later, another vessel was seen drifting towards the minefield in the direction of Kau I Chau Island. A river boat which grounded on Stonecutters reefed itself later in the afternoon.

An unfinished ship lying off Tal-koo Docks dragged her anchors and grounded shortly after noon at North Point, about 150 yards west of the Ritz, in about eight ft. of water. The six Chinese members of the crew on board were unhurt.

### JUNK SUNK

Early in the morning, a large junk from Chinese territory was caught in a gust whilst taking shelter in a bay at Castle Peak and overturned and sunk. The five men on board were thrown into the water but managed to swim ashore.

A message was received by the Water Police Station, from the No. 7 Police Station, at 2.15 to the effect that trading junk No. T3635H was tied up in the West Point district after having been adrift for some time. There were four men on board.

There was considerable excitement among the occupants of the hundreds of junks and sampans of all sizes anchored in the Causeway Bay typhoon shelter when the mooring ropes of some of the larger craft broke. These vessels were buffeted against each other and against neighbouring boats.

After an hour's hard work, the crews succeeded in making fast their junks again but not, it was reported, before a small sampan, which was caught between two junks, was smashed and its occupants thrown into the water.

Gusts of gale force swept the Colony, tearing down signboards, blowing away flower-pots, ripping off leaves and branches of trees, and lifting the roofs of numerous bathing sheds, both in North Point and at Stanley.

### STANDS DAMAGED

The football stands at the Navi Recreation Ground, the South China Athletic Association ground, and at the Hongkong Football Club ground were all partly damaged. The amusement park

# SUCCESSOR TO IVANOFF NOMINATED

SHANGHAI, Sept. 16 (Reuter)—It is reported that at a meeting of the local Russian Emigrants' Committee held last night it was decided to nominate M. K. Serejnikoff, Acting Chairman, to replace N. A. Ivanoff who was assassinated yesterday afternoon.

It is understood that Mr. Serejnikoff had previous experience in administrative work as he was connected with the emigre organisations in Harbin and Tientsin.

It was held probable last night that the new Acting Chairman would take over the affairs of the Russian Emigrants' Committee shortly.

## PANE CAUSES PAIN

Kung So, 38, male, of No. 93 Austin Road, second floor, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital as the result of a pane of glass falling on him at Holt's Wharf during the typhoon.

and skating rink at Causeway Bay had its roof and awnings lifted, and part of the boarding was blown away.

With the exception of one or two which were blown to a slanting position, the huts at the North Point Refugee Camp were not damaged. The rubber composition tiles on the roofs of the one-storey buildings of the Ritz were blown away.

The Traffic Constable's post on the "Island" off the Star Ferry pier was blown away. A suspended electric light at the junction of Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road was damaged.

The Food Kitchen at the old St. Peter's Church, West Point, was open as usual and nearly 100 men, women and children were given their usual daily ration.

On patrol duty in the neighbourhood of Mount Austin Barracks, about 11.30 a.m., a Shantung police sergeant was blown off his feet and fell down the hillside. He was seen by some soldiers in the barracks who went to his rescue. The injured man was taken to the barracks where he was given first aid treatment. Due to the gale prevailing in the vicinity of the barracks it was impossible to secure an ambulance to convey the man to hospital.

The firewood depot at Causeway Road was blown down by the force of the wind shortly after 1 p.m., while along Hennessy and Lockhart Roads were strewn pieces of broken flower pots, signboards and windows.

### MINOR ACCIDENTS

During the height of the "blow," several minor accidents took place all over the Colony. A Chinese woman, carrying a couple of pails of slop along Hennessy Road, was lifted clear off the road and carried, with her pails, along a distance of three or four feet.

A taxi was swung a complete round when caught by a gust near the Causeway Bay tram terminus, while another woman, walking along King's Road, was lifted off her feet and flung onto the ground and rendered unconscious.

In Kowloon, a bus was forced off its course into the traffic post at the junction of Chatham Road and Nathan Road near the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. A rickshaw proceeding to the "Star" ferry was overturned but, luckily, neither the fare nor the puller suffered any injuries.

## 37,000 SOFT COAL MINERS ON STRIKE

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 16 (Reuter)—About 37,000 soft coal miners employed in "captive" mines of seven steel corporations operating to capacity on defence orders were ordered to go on strike yesterday.

(Captive mines are those whose coal is used entirely by the parent organisation).

The corporations affected include the nation's three largest steel producers—United States Steel Corporation, Bethlehem Steel Corporation and Republic Steel Corporation.

The strike order has been issued in support of a demand for closed shop.

# FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER, 1941.

The following changes in postage rates will be effective as from 15th September 1941.

	Letters	Postcards each
Macao and China	—	\$0.04
New Zealand by air via Rangoon	\$1.85 per ½ oz	\$0.90
Europe all countries	\$3.50 per ½ oz	\$1.80
air mail surcharges	per ½ oz	—

by air to U.S.A. and onwards by sea

Parcel Post Service to Japan is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

Yunnan  
Szechuen  
Kweichow  
Hunan  
Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangau)  
Kwangsi  
North and East of Kwangtung

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

## INWARD AIR MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th September.	17th Sept.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th September.	26th Sept.

## OUTWARD AIR MAILS

For	Date and Time
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Wed. 17th Sept. K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Fri. 19th Sept. K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
<b>MONDAY</b>	Mon. 22nd Sept. K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Fri. 26th Sept. K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM

# GERMANS PROBABLY PREPARED FOR WINTER CAMPAIGN WITH THEIR USUAL THOROUGHNESS

LONDON, Sept. 16 (Reuter)—Help for Russia forms the subject of leading articles in several morning papers today.

THE TIMES, after reviewing the threats to Odessa, Kiev and Leningrad, points out that it is unlikely the tension will be greatly relaxed with the coming of winter, if the defenders hold out till then, "but for many forms of military activity, frost is more favourable than mud and it is not expected that the Germans will be prepared for a winter campaign with their usual thoroughness."

Fighting will still go on though perhaps at a slower pace. For us the lesson is plain—to get to the Russian front all the help we can. It is good news that additionally to the hundreds of aeroplanes previously sent, a wing of the R.A.F. is already operating on the Russian front. It is good news also that Mr. Averell Harrison and other American delegates to the Moscow conference have arrived in England and that the conference will be held without further delay.

"The conference, however, will be concerned with long term supplies looking towards next spring. Is there nothing more we can do in the meantime to meet the immediate danger? There is some evidence the Germans are sending to the Russian front raw recruits and the middle-aged. Is it beyond the bounds of possibility to check this movement of reinforcements?"

"We could do with more messages like Lord Beaverbrook's in this country. It has the inspiring manner of the Russian Radio. Shall we not also have aircraft weeks?"

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